

SAFETY ON THE LINE

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"Individual commitment to a group effort--that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." -- Vince Lombardi

•Back to School Safety Tips

Last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. Most of these deaths and injuries did not occur in a crash, but as the pupils were **entering** and **exiting** the bus. Review these safety tips and pass them on to your children:



- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and keep a safe distance between you and the bus.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you and watch out!

•School Zone •Driving Tips

- Be familiar with school zones and crosswalks.
- Stop for school bus lights.
- Obey school crossing guards.
- Be extra careful around parked vehicles.
- Drive with headlights on in areas with children and pedestrians.
- Avoid distractions such as cell phones.
- Try to avoid reversing your vehicle.
- Slow down, especially in inclement weather.
- Don't honk at pedestrians or bicyclists.



•What would you do?

Having a blowout is always a problem. But would you know what to do if it happened on the freeway or other high speed roadway? The National Safety Council offers these tips:

- At the first sign of trouble, grip the steering wheel firmly.
- Do not slam on the brakes. Take your foot off the gas and let the car slow down gradually.
- Steer your vehicle to the side of the road smoothly and carefully. If possible, use your signals to warn drivers behind you.
- When all four wheels are off the road – brake lightly and cautiously until you stop.
- It's important to have the vehicle well off the road away from traffic before stopping, even if proceeding to a safe place means rolling along slowly on the flat tire.
- Turn your emergency flashers on.
- Do not stand behind or next to your vehicle.
- Change the tire only if you can do so safely.

Hurricane Season Safety Tip

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is warning consumers of the dangers of portable generators that can produce high levels of poisonous carbon monoxide. Generators should only be used outdoors, far away from doors, windows and vents that could allow the odorless gas to enter indoor areas.

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